

Scores killed, hundreds wounded in Lebanon

Vicious battles for roads

By ANAN SAFADI
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A new round of vicious clashes between the PLO and Lebanese Christian militias yesterday saw scores of people killed and hundreds wounded in Lebanon.

The fighting, which broke out in the Beirut area, was the latest in a series of attacks by the PLO against Lebanese forces. The PLO has been active in the area since its withdrawal from Beirut in May 1975.

The fighting was reported to have started in the morning, with the PLO attacking a Lebanese military base. The Lebanese forces responded with heavy fire, and the fighting continued throughout the day.

The PLO claimed to have killed several Lebanese soldiers and wounded many more. The Lebanese forces also claimed to have killed PLO fighters and wounded others.

The fighting was reported to have been particularly vicious in the Beirut area, where the PLO has a strong presence. The Lebanese forces are trying to push the PLO out of the area, but the PLO is fighting back.

The fighting has caused a great deal of damage to property and has resulted in a large number of casualties. The Lebanese government is trying to restore order, but the PLO is making it difficult.

The fighting is a clear sign that the conflict in Lebanon is far from over. The PLO and the Lebanese forces are both determined to win, and the fighting is likely to continue for some time.

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Middle East Affairs Correspondent

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Bearing scores of summer visitors from neighbouring Arab states queue up prior to crossing over (Israel Sun)

Samaria strike drives summer visitors away

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A strike by Arab workers in Samaria has driven away many summer visitors. The strike, which was called by the Arab workers' union, has resulted in a complete shutdown of the tourist industry in the area.

The Arab workers' union has said that the strike is a protest against the Israeli government's policies in the occupied territories. The union has said that it wants to see a complete withdrawal of Israeli forces from the territories.

The Israeli government has said that it is not responsible for the strike. The government has said that it is trying to restore order in the area, but the Arab workers' union is making it difficult.

Ford woos Jews with a quote from Rabin

By WOLF BLITZER
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President Gerald R. Ford has won the support of many Jewish Americans by quoting Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, in a recent speech.

President Ford said that he was "impressed" by Rabin's statement that "the Jewish people have a right to live in peace and security in their own land." President Ford has said that he is committed to the peace process in the Middle East, and he has said that he is committed to the Jewish people.



Spinola held on return from exile

Antonio de Spínola

Former President Gen. Antonio de Spínola, facing possible trial for his alleged role in an attempted rightist coup, flew home in secrecy from Brazil yesterday and was taken into military custody, the armed forces announced.

A military police statement said Spínola was taken to Caxias military prison outside Lisbon, where he was questioned by a military judge. A police spokesman said Spínola was not under arrest, but that there was a warrant out for him in connection with a March 1975 coup attempt.

A top Spínola aide expressed confidence that the General would be freed in the moderate political climate now prevailing in Portugal. The aide told a reporter Spínola's wife, who returned from exile two months ago, had visited Caxias and it was "expected he will be sent home."

Adelino da Palma Carlos, Spínola's lawyer, said the ex-President had already been released from Caxias following several hours of routine questioning, but this could not be officially confirmed.

In parliament, Acácio Barreiros, sole deputy of the far-left Popular Democratic Union, urged the assembly to seek Spínola's trial as a "fascist and an enemy of the people." Assembly President Vasco da Gama Fernandes ruled the question constitutionally irrelevant to current debate and he was backed up by all in the 262-seat legislature, except Barreiros and the 40-member Communist bloc, which also gained.

Aides said Spínola, 66, wanted only to spend his remaining years in his homeland and would remain out of politics. But the mere presence of the monocolored, flamboyant orator appeared likely to inflame feelings on both sides of the uneasy left-right truce that has permitted a so-called socialist government to emerge in Portugal.

"Portugal and the Future," Spínola's book criticizing Portuguese colonial wars in Africa, served as a manifesto for the junior officers who overthrew a half-century-old rightist dictatorship in April, 1974. Spínola became President but, as the country veered left, was forced to resign six months later amid differences with leftists over how fast the country should abandon its former colonies.

Spínola and close associates fled Portugal after about 100 followers were arrested as alleged plotters in March, 1975. The Spínolistas were later released and Spínola broke up an opposition group he had formed in Brazil, saying the group was no longer needed.

Spínola's arrival coincided with an apparent resurgence of the right, including establishment of a new conservative newspaper and a leaflet campaign to purge leftists on the Revolutionary Council, the military's political organ.

The two-week-old cabinet of Socialist Premier Mario Soares includes several former Spínola associates, among them Interior Minister Manuel de Costa Brás and Defence Minister Mario Firmão Miguel.

President Soares warned recently against "constant plans for insurrection" within the armed forces, presumably referring to rightist elements. But Communists and other far leftists, who so far have shelved threats of strikes and demonstrations against the government, suspect Soares is himself leaning toward the right.

Before the presidential election in June, leftists painted Monclon on Eanes' campaign posters, clearly evoking the name of the Eanes' commanding officer in Africa. (AP)

Rhodesia kills 300 in Mozambique raid

SALISBURY. — Rhodesian forces crossed into Mozambique and killed more than 300 African nationalist guerrillas at a base camp used for launching attacks on Rhodesia, Prime Minister Ian Smith's government announced last night. It said that in addition to the black guerrillas, 30 of Mozambique's Frelimo soldiers and 10 civilians were killed in Sunday's raid, staged in retaliation for "unprovoked aggression" by the neighbouring African state.

Informal sources said the government statement was an admission that the raid was in retaliation for a mortar bomb attack on Sunday on a Rhodesian army base in which four white soldiers were killed.

The government said Rhodesia's border crossing operation was launched by security forces under an accepted international practice of hot pursuit.

It was the first confirmed incursion into Mozambique since Prime Minister Smith recently announced that he had authorised troops to move over the frontier in pursuit if necessary.

Rhodesian troops suffered no casualties "apart from a few minor injuries," according to the government.

Political sources said the raid raised tension in Rhodesia's eastern border war to new and dangerous levels.

The death toll in the Mozambique operation appeared to be the heaviest in any single incident since black guerrillas launched their war to overthrow Smith's white regime in December 1972.

Rhodesian blacks 'akin to slaves'

GENEVA. — The International Commission of Jurists charged yesterday some 500,000 black workers in Rhodesia are tied to their white employers by practices "akin to slavery."

In a report to a special UN working group probing slavery, the Geneva-based commission said domestic servants and black workers in farming, mining and quarrying were all bound by a 75-year-old "Masters and Servants" Act. Under that act, these Africans are not allowed to leave their jobs without just cause and offenders are threatened with fines or imprisonment, according to the commission. (AP)

Champaigne corks popped in Salisbury last night as jubilant white Rhodesians celebrated the raid into Mozambique. Some revellers were calling it "Rhodesia's Entebbe" — (a reference to the Israeli commando rescue of hijack hostages at Uganda's main airport last month).

Rhodesians, particularly those in farming areas along the 1,000 km eastern border with Mozambique, have long urged the Smith government to strike back at the guerrillas' springboards for attacks inside Rhodesia. But the government has repeatedly insisted that such action would only be considered after the most extreme provocation, warning that violent international reaction could result. (Reuters)

Couple obtains IL1.4m. lien on Herut funds

TEL AVIV. — A local couple has obtained an attachment order on IL1.4m. owed to them from the funds of the Herut Movement and Keren Tel Hai.

The order was issued in the District Court here yesterday, at the request of Dina and Oded Abulafia, and applies to money entering Herut's coffers from the Jewish Agency, the Histadrut and through the Movement's leader, Menachem Begin, M.K.

An agreement was reached between the Abulafias and the Herut Movement five months ago, whereby the Movement agreed to return the loan in weekly installments of IL10,000 each. The couple claims that it has so far received only IL60,000 — and even that was not paid on time as provided for in the agreement. (Him)

Belle bypasses New York

NEW YORK. — Residents of the New York area yesterday began repairing the multi-million dollar havoc left by Hurricane Belle, which spent its fury on the populous suburbs of Long Island and southern Connecticut early yesterday before diminishing to a tropical storm.

A 19-year-old girl was crushed to death by a falling tree in the town of Wading River, New York. The hurricane, blowing in gusts of 150 km an hour, flooded brooks and roads and brought down hundreds of trees and power lines.

But in New York City itself, there were winds of only 30 km which swept streets clean. The typical haze and smells of Manhattan were replaced by clean air.

Dayan among 35 members of convention forum

Factional basis for Labour c'tee

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A committee appointed yesterday to prepare the coming Labour Party convention (expected at the beginning of February) was formed according to a factional basis, the Jewish Agency's chairman, Yehoshua Rabinowitz, said.

The committee, which will be a set-back for those trying to build their power on a regional rather than a factional basis.

The 35 members chosen by the party's leadership bureau hold positions in the Cabinet, the Knesset, the Histadrut, the Jewish Agency, the party's branches and other groups.

Former defence minister Moshe Dayan, who has been inactive in party affairs until recently, Dayan had reportedly complained the party has been hovering him since he had left the government.

The preparatory committee, headed by Aharon Becker, also includes ministers Israel Galili, Gad Ya'acobi, Shimon Hillel, Avraham Ofer, Aharon Uzan and Yehoshua Rabinowitz, six members of the Histadrut central committee — Yehoshua Meshel, Aharon Harel, Israel Kelsar, Nava Arad, Ada Gilan, and Uri Sabag. Former Prime Minister Golda Meir, the Jewish Agency's chairman Yoram Almog and MKs Abba Eban, Adl Amos, Shoshana Zib, Moshe Carmel, Matilda Ghez, Moshe Werman and Yitzhak Navon are also on the committee.

Other members are Uri Baram, Uri Agami, Danny Rosolio, Hanita Atlas, Zvi Aldorati, Rina Dotan, Arye Nebamkin, David Kalderson, Nathan Ra'anana and Elyahu Spiner. Moshe Ziv and his deputy Abraham Gewellier are there ex-officio.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Defence Minister Shimon Peres and Foreign Minister Yigal Allon are not members, but the committee's chairman will invite them to the political debates.

Some Labour leaders expressed

Israelis win more gold at disabled Olympics

TORONTO. — Israeli athletes at the Olympics for the disabled being held here have won 32 gold medals, eight silver and five bronze after yesterday's events.

Israel is in second place in the wheelchair events, with the U.S. in first place, and is fourth in the all-around competitions, behind the U.S., Britain and the Netherlands.

The Israelis won two gold medals in the pentathlon competition, one for amputees and one for those confined to wheelchairs. One gold medal was won in the fencing division, another gold medal for amputee volleyball and a third gold medal for women's basketball.

In the men's final, the Israeli wheelchair basketball team will play against the American team. Israel has also won 15 gold medals in the swimming events, setting 10 world records.

Uri Bergman of Kibbutz Givat Brenner won the 100-metre freestyle men's swimming contest, setting a world record. The Egyptian contestant, who came second, shook hands with Bergman after the contest. This was Bergman's second gold medal.

The Olympics end today. (JTA)

Ariela Cohen, winner of two gold medals for Israel in the swimming events at the Olympics for the disabled being held in Toronto.

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'United' Kingdom on the line

As Scotland and Wales clamour for more independence, the United Kingdom is threatened with disintegration. Adam Raphael (the London Observer's political correspondent) outlines the implications of the proposed Devolution Bill.

The gamble is twofold. The principal measure will be the Devolution Bill, to be introduced this autumn in Parliament and it will dominate all else, even the troubled economy, for several months.

The Labour Party's hopes that it will be able to hold most of its 41 Scottish seats at the next General Election depends, almost entirely, on the bill's passage. The Nationalist tide has slowed in recent months but public opinion polls show that the Scottish Nationalists (SNP) are dangerously close in Scotland with almost 30 per cent of the electorate committed to their cause. With the ruling Labour Government's majority down to two in the Commons, it would need only the loss of a handful of Scottish seats for it to be in a permanent minority.

The situation is the more perilous because it is by no means certain that the Government has the

strength to force the Devolution Bill through the Commons. It is already being attacked from three separate quarters. The most serious is the backlash by 70 English MPs who believe that the Scots are arrogating the rewards of independence at the expense of the English regions.

The anti-devolution campaign will be officially launched next month at Labour's annual conference in Blackpool, but it has already attracted to its standard some of the most able English backbench MPs — among them the former Industry Minister, Eric Heffer.

At the other end of the spectrum, the Government is confronted by the breakaway Scottish Labour Party whose two representatives in Parliament Jim Sillars and John Robertson are threatening to precipitate a general elec-

tion because they believe that the Devolution Bill does not provide adequate economic powers for Scotland.

Finally, the opposition Conservative Party which is, if possible, even more divided than Labour. Its leaders are officially committed to a Scottish Assembly with very limited powers, but even this watered down scheme has provoked an angry reaction among a large body of English Conservative MPs as well as an important section of the Scottish party.

Given these conflicting forces, no one can predict with any confidence the outcome for the Devolution Bill. If it dies or is defeated, the consequences for the traditional Labour vote in Scotland will be grave. Labour MPs in marginal Scottish seats would be put in an impossible situation. It would

open the Government to a range of charges from bad faith to simple incompetence.

For the nationalists, a stymied Devolution Bill would be a notable propaganda victory, for they would be able to point out justifiably that only a much larger number of Scottish Nationalist MPs would have any effect at Westminster. And for the Conservatives it could mean an easy road to power since without their Scottish flaks, Labour's majority would disappear.

That is one half of the gamble. The other is even more momentous. It is whether the Devolution Bill, if passed, can succeed in appeasing the Scots and not be merely the first step in leading to the break-up of the United Kingdom.

At their present levels of support the Scottish Nationalists look like becoming the dominant party

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Haifa	60-80	14-29
Tiberias	62-82	15-30
Nazareth	68-88	16-31
Sharon	49-69	15-27
Tel Aviv	74-94	18-28
B-G Airport	52-72	15-25
Jericho	32-52	20-36
Qana	72-92	20-30
Beersheba	43-63	16-32
Beit	40-60	21-37
Tiran	26-46	25-36

Social and Personal

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday received Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

The President also received Mr. and Mrs. Henri Glassberg of Paris.

Mayor Yeruham Zeisel will be the guest of the Haifa Rotary Club, Nof Hotel, at 1 p.m. today.

ARRIVALS

Eliyahu Honig, director of the Hebrew University's Department of Information and Public Affairs, from an extended mission in the U.S. on behalf of the University.

Haifa suburbs get 'promoted' today to cities

Jerusalem Post Reporter
 HAIFA. — Three of Haifa's suburbs will be elevated to municipal status today — the seaside communities of Kiryat Bialik and Kiryat Motzkin — both founded in 1934 — and Kiryat Yam, founded in 1946.

Each of them has fulfilled the criterion of a minimum population of 20,000 for some time now, and all have been pressing for the elevation of their Local Councils to full fledged municipalities.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg, who will attend each of the three council sessions today, will confer the new status and congratulate the new mayors. Zvi Karliner, veteran council chairman of Kiryat Bialik will become the mayor of Kiryat Yam. The other two are Moshe Goshen of Kiryat Motzkin and Binyamin Bifrat of Kiryat Yam.

The change will bring the total number of municipalities in Israel to 34.

Saudi threat to U.S. on anti-boycott moves

By WOLF BLITZER
 Jerusalem Post Correspondent
 WASHINGTON. — A Saudi Arabian Minister has threatened to curtail Saudi investments in the U.S. and to boycott this country if the U.S. Congress should decide to make it illegal for American firms to comply with the Arab boycott against Israel.

Sheikh Hisham Nazer, Saudi Minister of Development, told the "Washington Star" yesterday: "If you pass laws here with respect to the boycott, what you will do is simply affect the welfare and the well-being and interest of the American companies and thereby the American investors and people."

Nazer said that "whatever you produce in the U.S. is being produced by countries in Europe and Japan and just as well, believe me."

He defended the boycott as "a political instrument devised by Western countries mainly and copied by others in cases of international turmoil."

He added: "You know that the Arab states are in a state of war with Israel."

The Arabs "will continue our economic boycott of Israel until such time as there is a settlement of the issues of the Middle East. This is a legitimate self-defence."

Legislation is currently pending in the Congress that would strictly enforce U.S. policy against the boycott. The Ford Administration opposes the new bill.

On Monday, Nazer met informally with a group of Senators currently debating an amendment by Senator Abraham Ribicoff which would eliminate several tax incentives for U.S. firms that comply with the boycott.

The Saudi Minister warned the Senators that if the Ribicoff amendment, which has already been approved in the Senate but must still be cleared by a House-Senate conference committee, becomes law, there could be serious repercussions for American firms.

Israeli Arab says he stole Bar-Lev line maps

CAIRO. — An Israeli Arab who was sent to Egypt in an exchange of prisoners in 1974 claims he passed maps of the Bar-Lev line to the Egyptians. The claim appears in the first instalment of his memoirs in the Egyptian weekly magazine "Akher Sa", which went on sale yesterday.

Abdoul Rahim Karaman, member of a prominent Haifa family, was tried for spying in 1970 and sentenced to 16 years' imprisonment. Before this he was Egypt's top spy in Israel for six years, according to the magazine.

The first instalment of Karaman's memoirs describes how he was recruited by the Egyptians in Paris in 1964, and trained in spying methods in a village on the border of Holland and Belgium.

In an introduction to the memoirs, the magazine says Karaman made his entry to the upper circles of Israeli society, and at one time was the personal friend of Moshe Dayan. He won Dayan's friendship by exploiting the latter's love for archaeology, giving him a present of a fake antique provided by the Egyptians, according to the magazine.

The magazine says that Karaman's release was negotiated by Egypt's President Sadat personally, through U.S. Secretary of State Kissinger.

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Beduin welcome Bonds leaders to the Neger

Jerusalem Post Staff
 BEERSHEBA. — Mounted Beduin riders galloped out of the desert to meet the convoy of three buses which yesterday afternoon brought 100 American Jewish leaders to the Israel Bond Organization to the campsite of the Azazeh tribe near here.

The visitors were greeted by a line of tribal notables as they entered a large goatskin tent where they sipped coffee, and were regaled with Beduin folk legends and music.

The Americans arrived last week to attend the 1976 Israel Bond Jerusalem Leadership Conference, which ended tonight with an address by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Prior to arriving at the Azazeh encampment, the conferees visited the Beduin resettlement project at Tel Sheva.

The President of the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Yosef Te-

koah, addressed a luncheon of the conference which was a tour of a factory in Beersheba producing military equipment for the IDF.

Last night, Mayor Eliyahu welcomed the Bond Conference an open-air dinner, followed by an entertainment programme.

While in Beersheba, Los Angeles delegates gave a cocktail party to their fellow delegates in the Bond Campaign's Fall Ship Conference, which will place in their city next week the final phase of the Bond sales effort. This will first time the annual national Campaign Conference will be in Los Angeles.

Last year, when Bonds sold \$277m, the Fall Conference was held in Chicago and was attended by more than 1,000 participants from communities all over America.

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Twin violinists here after 4 years in Soviet jail

By SARAH HONIG
 Jerusalem Post Reporter
 TEL AVIV. — Twin brothers Arkady and Leonid Vainman of Khar'kov arrived here late Monday night after both served four years under harsh conditions in Soviet prisons for their desire to go to Israel. With them came their parents, who had initially refused to grant the twins the permission demanded by the authorities to allow them to leave the USSR.

Following the hardships which befell the brothers, both 24 now, the parents changed their mind, converted to Zionism, applied for visas themselves and campaigned for four years on behalf of their sons, both of them accomplished violinists.

The twins applied to go to Israel on May 11, 1972 and only five days later received call-up papers to the Soviet Army — a popular Soviet ploy to stop the emigration of young Jews. The brothers refused to do their military service in the USSR, arguing that following discharge their departure would be prevented on another favourite pretext, that of having been exposed to confidential data.

Several days later the twins were assaulted by a thug at a newsstand KGB offices who were conveniently on the spot arrested them and let the thug go free. The brothers were sentenced to four years hard labour on the charge of hoologianism. Neither had any previous police record.

An international campaign was mounted on behalf of the twins, one of their champions being violinist Yehudi Menuhin.

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East German court sentences SS man to life for war crimes

ST. BERLIN. — Former Nazi troop leader, Herbert Drahent, was sentenced to life in prison for war crimes by a court in East Germany. The court found Drahent guilty of the murder of 100 Soviet citizens and participation in the execution of at least 100 people, including many Jews, during World War Two. The court also found Drahent guilty of the murder of 100 Soviet citizens and participation in the execution of at least 100 people, including many Jews, during World War Two. The court also found Drahent guilty of the murder of 100 Soviet citizens and participation in the execution of at least 100 people, including many Jews, during World War Two.

Demonstration on 15th anniversary Wall killings anger West Germans

BERLIN. — West German groups demonstrated at the Berlin Wall on Friday — its 15th anniversary — against the shooting of East German border guards. The demonstration was held in the city of Berlin, where the Wall separates East and West Germany. The demonstrators were angry that the Wall had been built on the site of the 1945 massacre of Jews in the city. They also expressed their anger at the fact that the Wall had been built on the site of the 1945 massacre of Jews in the city.

When the Mercedes came back, it was black

HOLLYWOOD. — An Arab mercedes was found in Jerusalem after being reported stolen from a Jewish family. The car was found in the city of Jerusalem, where it had been reported stolen from a Jewish family. The car was found in the city of Jerusalem, where it had been reported stolen from a Jewish family. The car was found in the city of Jerusalem, where it had been reported stolen from a Jewish family.

'Sephardi lag caused by no room at the top'

By YAA'OOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter
JERUSALEM. — Jews of oriental origin have made great leaps for-
ward in the last few years, but
they are still unable to catch
up with Ashkenazim be-
cause they do not hold their
share in top government and
business positions. This was
stated at a Haifa symposium
this week by Dr. Smooha of
the university, who said that
the "lag" among the "Sephar-
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Former Israel Ambassador to France, Asher Ben-Nafan, addresses a group of youngsters from French-speaking countries at a "Hyde Park" event held yesterday at Ashkelon, where the World Zionist Organization's Youth and Hahatz Department is running a summer camp.

SEAMEN'S DISCIPLINARY COURT RULES: Captain was right to return ship to port

By YAA'COV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — Captain Amnon Tadmor, master of the Zim freighter Tevra, was acquitted in the Seamen's Disciplinary Court yesterday on a charge of having changed his ship's course without justification or reasonable grounds. The court found that the captain was right to return the ship to port. The court also found that the captain was right to return the ship to port.

Tiberias policeman charged with attack on woman

NAZARETH. — A Tiberias policeman has been charged with brutally assaulting a local woman, causing her serious injuries. The woman was taken to a hospital, where she is still recovering from her injuries. The policeman was charged with the assault. The woman was taken to a hospital, where she is still recovering from her injuries.

U.K. Jews split on hotel 'boycott'

LONDON. — A row is developing over the cancellations by various Jewish organizations of functions at the Dorchester Hotel, which was bought by an Arab syndicate for \$5m. in June. They wanted "the best hotel in the world." The organizations are split on whether to boycott the hotel. Some believe that the hotel is a symbol of the Arab presence in the city, and that it should be boycotted. Others believe that the hotel is a symbol of the Jewish presence in the city, and that it should not be boycotted.

TODAY'S POSTBAG

40 U.S. LAW STUDENTS from 25 American universities are currently attending a three-week seminar at the Hebrew University's Law Faculty, studying Israeli law and politics, under a programme sponsored by the American University in Washington, D.C., and Temple University.

SAVING THE LIFE of a woman earned two people from the Haifa area good citizenship medals from the Rotary Club on Sunday night. On June 28 police sergeant Shabbai Mazza and Alberto Carmel rescued an unconscious woman from a burning room and revived her with artificial respiration.

MORE THAN 5,000 members of the armed forces will participate in the seventh Kinneret swim, which is to take place today. The swim is under the joint aegis of the IDF's physical fitness department and the Jordan Valley Regional Council.

DRINKING WATER is in short supply in five Arab villages in the Galilee. Their 10-year-old water supply network has not kept up with the rapid population growth. The villages have asked the authorities to replace the pipelines.

THE COMPLETION of a three-year course in the social sciences by 29 registered nurses of Kufat Holim's Beilinson Hospital in Petah Tikva, was marked at a graduation ceremony yesterday at Bar-Ilan University.

Defence Min. suing for possession of tractors

TEL AVIV. — The Defence Ministry is claiming possession of 19 heavy tractors imported by the Regavim earth-moving company two years ago to carry out fortification work for the Ministry. The Ministry is suing for possession of the tractors. The Ministry is suing for possession of the tractors.

Agrexco expected to opt for CAL

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Agrexco, the agriculture export company, is expected to sign an agreement this week with former Air Force chief Moshe Hod's new cargo airline company, CAL, to airfreight 35,000 tons of produce to Europe during the coming winter season. Reuven Eliand, director general of the Agriculture Ministry and chairman of the board of directors of Agrexco, told a press conference here yesterday. This would bring to an end a dispute that has been raging among El Al, Agrexco, and Motti Hod for nearly a year. Producers have been paying El Al from \$700 to over \$1,000 per ton for airfreighting. From a CAL spokesman The Jerusalem Post learned that it expects to charge about \$300 to \$310 per ton and hopes to lower the rates to \$230 in a couple of years. The CAL spokesman also revealed that his company had already signed contracts for Israeli-bound cargoes. They now have contracts for up to 50 per cent capacity, and in the next few days the company is to sign agreements with two huge concerns in Israel which would increase this percentage. Among the goods that CAL expects to airfreight to Israel will be automobiles. The price to airfreight them will be the same as by ship, about \$300 per ton. Dr. Moshe Ben David of Agrexco said that because of the loss of time in deciding about the forming of the cargo airline, the farmers are unable to plant as much as they would have liked. Nevertheless, this year the 35,000 tons being exported by air represents a 75 per cent increase over last year's 20,000 tons. He also said that shippers have nothing to fear, as the bulk of their exports will still go by sea. Total exports for the coming season are expected to reach between 135,000 and 150,000 tons. Ben David believes that the decision will continue to be the dominant factor in the transport of agricultural product during the coming years. The agriculture export season officially begins in September. Agrexco now exports all year around, with the summer months being weak and the winter being the peak. During the first few weeks of the season, until the exports are increased, Agrexco will be using the available cargo space in regular flights to Europe. Only towards the end of October or the beginning of November will a chartered Jumbo 747 of CAL go into service. CAL may have to charter two 747 cargo planes during the peak winter months. El Al yesterday refused to comment on the expected agreement between CAL and Agrexco. The spokesman would not comment either or whether El Al would agree to charter its Jumbo cargo plane to CAL.

Dan seeks to extend lines

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Dan bus cooperative is negotiating with four municipalities currently served by Egged on the possibility of extending Dan lines to serve them. This action follows Egged's decision on Saturday to postpone indefinitely any merger talks with Dan. The municipalities are Holon, Rishon LeZion, Ramat Gan, and Herzliya. The spokesman of the Dan Shani told The Jerusalem Post that the secretary of the cooperative had already sent a letter to the Transport Ministry demanding they be allowed to increase their lines. He emphasized that this was in accordance with the reorganization plans for public transport of the Ministry. The Holon municipality has been campaigning for years for better service. Holon is unique in the Dan region as it is served only by Egged, and except for one roundabout bus route, no buses run to North Tel Aviv.

Soldier to be tried in shooting of Nabulsi girl

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent
A soldier is to go on trial for manslaughter following the army's investigation into the death of a Nabulsi girl during riots there last May. The girl, Lena Nabulsi, 16, was hit by a bullet accidentally discharged from a rifle while standing in a doorway and watching soldiers chasing rioters. The IDF investigation, standard procedure in all cases of death or injury, revealed that the rifle may have gone off as a result of the soldier's negligence. There is no suspicion that the shooting was deliberate.

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K tries to calm down nuclear dispute

DEAUVILLE, France. — U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger tried to calm a dispute yesterday over the French sale of a nuclear plant to Pakistan.

Kissinger, who with his wife Nancy and son David is spending two days with friends in Normandy in the middle of his Asia and Europe trip, told newsmen he called up French Foreign Minister Jean Sauvagnargues at the latter's vacation home on the French Riviera and had a "friendly" discussion about the proposed sale of a French nuclear fuel reprocessing plant to Pakistan.

Kissinger also sent the charge d'affaires of the U.S. embassy in Paris to the French Foreign Ministry to express Kissinger's regrets "as to the interpretations and commentaries published (on the plant sale), which gave the feeling that the American government sought to exercise pressure on the Pakistani government," the ministry in Paris announced.

Kissinger said on Monday in Pakistan that controls over Pakistani use of the plant are insufficient, and threatened to withdraw U.S. aid unless tighter controls are made. The French reacted stormily. Kissinger said he and Sauvagnargues "had a very friendly conversation. I think we understand each other. I explained it is not a confrontational situation. We are talking as friends."

But Kissinger is expected to make a lengthier approach shortly to try to convince the French that they should accept more stringent safeguards over the use of the \$2b. plant for Pakistan, so they could not become a source of plutonium for nuclear weapons.

(UPI)

West watches Aegean row

BRUSSELS. — Western capitals kept a concerned watch yesterday on the Greek-Turkish dispute unfolding on NATO's southeast flank, but officials in Europe described the tension as a bout of brinkmanship not expected to lead to war.

Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, on a private visit to France, disclosed that "we are really practically in daily contact" with the governments of bickering NATO allies Greece and Turkey.

"We believe this dispute (over oil rights in the Aegean Sea) must be settled peacefully. There is no legal basis for military action," Kissinger said.

A NATO source said the organization was taking no formal action at this time.

"The general feeling, in terms of the growing seriousness, is that both sides are engaging in old-fashioned brinkmanship. But it is not expected that they'll go over the brink," the source said.

Meanwhile, Greece yesterday formally called for a meeting of the U.N. Security Council to consider the situation in the Aegean. (UPI)



Smoke pours from hijacked vehicles set alight in the Falls Road area of Belfast on Monday, following rioting by youths.

Children, gunman die in Belfast shooting

BELFAST. — Two young children and a gunman were killed in the third day of violence here yesterday, as gangs of youths, some carrying guns, hijacked vehicles to set up new barricades.

Three men in a car fired shots at an army patrol in the Roman Catholic Andersonstown district, and when the soldiers returned the fire, killing the driver, the vehicle went out of control. It careened across the road, and crashed into a mother walking along with her baby in a pram and two small boys. The six-month-old baby and her brother of eight were killed, and the mother and a boy of two were seriously injured and taken to hospital, police said.

The rioting started in the Andersonstown and Ballymurphy areas, then spread west into the Suffolk Twinnbrook area and east toward the city center in the Lower Falls. Youths hurled rocks from behind flaming vehicles at troops and one bomb was thrown. Police appealed to drivers to stay away from the riot areas.

The renewed violence came after a brief lull in which police and army

engineers, using heavily armoured bulldozers cleared wrecked vehicles from Monday's rioting, and opened roads. But the roads were quickly closed again by the new riots.

In the 36 hours up to noon yesterday, police said there had been at least 62 hijackings, 55 attacks on police, 27 attacks on troops, 20 bombings, and 30 shooting incidents in which nine persons were injured, one of them a soldier.

The trouble began after a march through Belfast on Sunday protesting the ending of special treatment for prisoners convicted of terrorist offences. The prisoners were housed in groups, wore civilian clothes and were allowed frequent visits. The system became necessary because of the prison population explosion since sectarian violence began, but it is now being phased out.

Maire Drumm, vice-president of the Provisional Sinn Féin, political wing of the Irish Republican Army led demonstrations on Sunday and said in a speech afterward that Belfast would be taken apart "stone by stone" and English cities bombed if the prison system was changed.

'Libya trained Cairo bomber'

CAIRO. — An Egyptian, blamed for two bomb explosions at a government office block here, told interrogators he was trained at a Libyan army camp in Benghazi, Middle East News Agency reported yesterday.

Fourteen people were injured when the bombs exploded on Sunday. Among them was the accused, Ezzat Abu Rakik Abdullah. He was blinded when one of the charges went off while he was planting it in a fifth-floor washroom, police said.

MEENA said Rakik told interrogators from his hospital bed that the explosives he used were Soviet-made and given to him by Libyan intelligence.

(Reuters)

Harrises guilty of kidnapping

LOS ANGELES. — Two accomplices of newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst, were convicted on Monday of kidnapping and robbery. The couple, William and Emily Harris, members of the Symbionese Liberation Army, were acquitted, however, by a Superior Court jury here of six assault charges connected with Patty Hearst's machine-gun attack on a sporting-goods store in California.

The jury of seven women and five men, reduced the most serious of the 11 charges against the two from kidnapping for the purpose of robbery to simple kidnapping. The Harrises were thus given a reprieve from mandatory life sentences.

They still face a possible life sentence on the first-degree robbery conviction, which carries a five-year to life term.

The jury also reduced two charges of robbery to simple car theft. No date was set for sentencing. (AP)

Lillehammer bribe alleged

OSLO. — A Norwegian newspaper said yesterday that Israeli authorities had offered \$300,000 to stop publication of a book about an alleged Israeli attempt to kill a Palestinian terrorist which ended in the death of the wrong man.

The newspaper "Aftenposten" said the offer was made by an Israeli linked to his country's embassy in Paris to the book's two authors, journalists Dag Christensen of "Aftenposten" and David Innis of "Time" magazine.

The newspaper said Israel tried to prevent publication because the book gave a far from flattering picture of the efficiency of the Israeli secret service (Mossad) in the murder at the Norwegian resort of Lillehammer.

According to the two authors, Mossad was trying to kill Palestinian terrorist Ali Hassan Salameh, alias "The Red Prince," said to be the sole survivor of 13 terrorists who massacred Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics.

The book, to be called "No. 13," says that the Israelis killed the wrong man — Ahmed Bouchiki, an Algerian. The 12 others had already been tracked down and killed by Israeli agents, it says.

The authors also said that then Israeli Premier Golda Meir knew about the raid and sent Mossad's chief, General Evi Zamir, to Oslo telling him to "make sure everything is working smoothly."

In a chase after the murder, six people were captured. (Reuters)

Iran close to signing massive arms-for-oil deal with Britain

LONDON. — Iran is close to concluding a massive arms-for-oil barter deal with two British firms, the "Financial Times" reported yesterday.

It said Iran's Deputy War Minister, General Toufanian, is scheduled to finalize the deal with the Shell Oil Company and the state-owned British Aircraft Corporation (BAC) later this week. It will involve the acquisition of missile air-defense systems, more than 1,800 tanks and other British weapons, in return for Iranian crude oil.

The Minister, in charge of Iran's arms purchases, was quoted as saying "the deal is in its final stages."

Negotiations have been going on for months on what was originally reported to be a \$186m. deal. However, the paper's Middle East correspondent, Robert Graham, said Toufanian now estimated it to be worth \$300m.

The deal boosts Iran's purchases of military hardware from Britain to more than £1,000m. in recent years.

Iran, Graham reported, now wants to buy 1,500 "Chieftain" tanks — 300 more than earlier announced. It also seeks 360 light "Scorpion" tanks, 110 more than originally ordered.

But, the paper said, the key factor in the deal is an advanced version of Britain's "Rapier" missile system ordered by Tehran last December.

A spokesman for BAC builders of the Anglo-French Concorde supersonic jetliner, confirmed that negotiations are "well advanced."

The deal involves the sale of Iranian crude to Shell, which will put the money under Iranian control in an interest-bearing fund to pay BAC, makers of the "Rapier" missiles.

Graham reported Shell will receive 17,000 barrels of oil a day

for six months, eventually up to 20,000 barrels a day. Toufanian was quoted as saying the British companies could deal because they were "to respond to Iranian aid to western arms last spring for arms deals."

The British Government normally approves barter of political sources said Prime Minister James Callaghan's administration welcomed the Iranian deal. It will help stimulate British industry.

Toufanian stressed that still interested in making deals with U.S. companies currently going on with several oil companies.

One of them, Crown Oil, stating to buy Iranian oil, which would offset the cost of 200 F-18 fighter jets by Tehran, the paper a

'Mistakes' allowed in U.S.-Soviet atom p

By OSWALD JOHNSTON

The Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON. — Under an unpublished "understanding" worked out over the past two years, both the Soviet Union and the U.S. would be allowed once or twice a year to exceed the 150 kiloton limit on underground nuclear weapons tests, according to a Ford Administration document now before the Senate.

The understanding on testing ("mistakes," as it is officially described) amounts to a separate and, until now, confidential addition to the threshold test ban treaty. The treaty, negotiated and signed in 1974, is now before the Senate awaiting ratification.

Under the treaty as originally negotiated and made public two years ago, underground weapons tests over 150 kilotons in yield — equivalent to some 10 times the Hiroshima bomb — would be banned.

But the "mistakes" understanding would allow each side "two slight, unintended breaches per year" which "would not be considered treaty violations."

The public surfacing of what appears to be a technical loophole in the test ban treaty comes in

the wake of the disclosure last week that the Soviets exploded a weapons test July 4 that may well have exceeded the 150 kiloton threshold.

News of that explosion was held closely in the Administration for weeks after it was apparent that the test might have violated an informal Soviet promise not to conduct tests above the treaty threshold during the period before the treaty is ratified and in full effect.

The "mistakes" understanding was initiated by the Soviets and was described in a lengthy document submitted to the Senate along with the treaty text last July 28. The explanatory letter was dated June 22 but it was never made public by the Ford Administration and did not come to light until Monday after it was published by the Senate.

The explanation was prepared in the State Department to be issued over the signature of Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, but his signature is missing from the only available public version of the document.

As explained on Monday by a ranking Administration official, the "mistakes" understanding was accepted by U.S. negotiators because

weapons tests often miss intended yields by as much as 20 kilotons.

Officials said last week he considered a subject "cern" if the Soviet July proved to be above the limit said so after press disclosed the ambiguous nature of forced public discussion of the issue.

Until then, the facts of were closely held. The disclosure of the test the Administration came form of a routine classification of the blast to congressional Joint Atomic Committee.

That notification, about reportedly said that the "over 100 kilotons" test was a mistake. The top limit set by the treaty was slightly over tons.

A senior official told Monday that a more recent test at exactly 150 kilotons has given rise to speculation in the national security by that the Soviets moved test in order to check U.S. seismic detection.

Kampala university deserted; Amin denies massacre of students

By DIAL TORGERSON

The Los Angeles Times

NAIROBI, Kenya. — Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda, once one of Africa's best schools, has been at least temporarily destroyed as a functioning institution by two attacks by President Idi Amin's troops, who reportedly killed scores of students and wounded hundreds.

The raids assertedly were ordered by Amin himself, apparently in a fury because fellow students laughed at his college student-son, Taban.

(Amin told a Swedish reporter who reached him by telephone that a British press report in the "Observer" and "Sunday Times" of the alleged massacre was "lies from beginning to end... everything in Uganda is peaceful." Reuters reported from Stockholm.)

Students who are not jailed, hospitalized or dead have dropped from sight to escape the wrath of Amin, who is Chancellor of the university.

The toll is a closely kept secret but reliable reports now reaching Nairobi and other African capitals, indicate that:

• At least 20 students were killed. One source said there were 202 bodies at the morgue at Mulago hospital, which is surrounded by soldiers to hide the exact number of fatalities.

• At least 700, and perhaps 1,000 students were injured. Many girls were raped. Some who resisted had their breasts slashed with bayonets. Some students were thrown off third and fourth floor balconies.

• An estimated 500 students were arrested.

Events leading up the bloodshed last Tuesday and Wednesday began earlier this year.

A Kenya coed at Makerere, Esther Chesire, was arrested by security men at Entebbe airport in February and, it is believed, later killed. Amin made a show of appointing a commission to investigate the case. Summoned before the

commission in June was Theresa Bukunya, a mathematics lecturer and house mother of the women's wing of a dormitory.

She told friends the research bureau, Amin's secret police, told her to testify that Miss Chesire was a "loose girl who often did not come back to the dormitory at night."

She said it was not true and refused to do so.

The next day, research bureau men were seen at the home of Mrs. Bukunya, who was six months pregnant. She disappeared. Her body, beheaded, was found a day later in the Ssabwa river east of Kampala.

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Bank premises, real estate and furnishings	95,470,894.38	Other liabilities	258,177,531.40
Transitory sums	18,733,054.81	Profit	97,964,592.68
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LOSS		PROFIT	
	Zloties		Zloties
Collection nostro	190,511,986.59	Interests and commissions	1,271,578,942.91
Collection kuro	404,720.12	Other profits	6,037,801.34
Guarantees	6,890,618.16		
Deposits	71,703,925.40		
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PUTTING CULTURE INTO AGRICULTURE

Theatre critic Mendel Kohansky goes to the festival at Stratford, in Ontario.

Allec Guinness, in the title role, followed the next evening by "All's Well that Ends Well" in which Sir Alec was joined by his compatriot, Irene Worth.

THINGS LOOKED much brighter in "Measure for Measure," a stylish production which Mr. Phillips set in Vienna of the '80s, and directed in a manner which sharpened Shakespeare's moral ambiguities to the point of cynicism.

THE STRATFORD Festival Theatre is a beautiful building set



Maggie Smith as Cleopatra

ment couldn't convince anyone that he is a leader of men, one of history's great conquerors.

I was far from amused by her, however, in Congreve's "The Way of the World," where she played the leading role of the rich and noble Mrs. Millamant.

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The gifted Rabbi who 'spoke for the Jews'

THE SUDDEN DEATH of Dutch Liberal Rabbi Jacob Soetendorp (Zutsum), at the age of 62, has robbed Holland of a very gifted Jewish personality.

Whenever, between 1954 and 1972, an issue with a Jewish angle turned up, it was almost invariably to Jacob Soetendorp that the newsmedia turned for the "Jewish" view.

Under Soetendorp's dynamic leadership, the Liberal Jewish Congregation became popular among Dutch-born Jews, and at one time seemed to constitute a threat to the Orthodox congregation. It was at his initiative that the beautiful Liberal Synagogue in southern Amsterdam was built, and it later became the venue for more than one conference of the World Union for Progressive Judaism.



The mystery philosopher

By YAACOV FRIEDLER / Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — An antique Chinese statuette, made of emerald, diamonds and fine gold, has been presented to the National Maritime Museum here, by Mr. Henri Glasberg, of France.

The figure, about 12 cms. wide and 10cm. high, is made of a green emerald, with the eyes of small, beautifully polished diamonds. The stand is of pure gold.

Museum director Arich Ben-El es-

timates, on the basis of the polishing technique, that the statuette was made in the 18th century. Studies have been instituted to date it more definitely and possibly identify the philosopher. He believed the gift to be very rare if not unique, and of extremely high value.

It has already been placed on display in a case housing Chinese jade astronomical instruments. These instruments were designed to measure distances between stars in the first and second millennia B.C.E.

Mr. Ben-El said that the interest in the Maritime Museum has picked up during the past half year, with more than 6,000 visitors a month.

BRIDGE / GEORGE LEVINREW

Creating an entry

Love all North
AKS63
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The bidding:
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TODAY'S DEAL is from international play. West opened with the heart king and followed this with the ace.

In later years, his own congregation became increasingly dissatisfied with him, because his numerous outside activities did not leave him enough time for his congregation, and because of his autocratic character.

The second heart was ruffed in dummy. Declarer knew he needed two entries in his hand in order to finesse clubs twice.

With those nice spades and the diamond ace he felt he had nothing to worry about. He played the two top spades. Perhaps this would have been proper in top-

bottom scoring, but see what happened. He led to the diamond ace and finessed clubs into East's queen.

Successful play would have meant playing only one top spade and then giving up a spade trick to the opponents. The spade jack would serve as the additional entry needed to take the second club finesse.

BRIDGE CALENDAR

National Open Pairs Championship: (Scores in victory points): 1. Shaul-Fridrich, Tel Aviv 216; 2. Stamp-Schwartz, Tel Aviv 217; 3. Asiel-Maslam, Savyon 165; 4. Brian-Peleg, Haifa 163; 5. M. Levy-Levy, Savyon 158.

National Ladies Pairs Championship: (Scores in victory points): 1. De Leeuw-Kraus, Tel Aviv-Savyon 188; 2. Haj-chuk-Melch, Tel Aviv-Savyon 171; 3. Shaul-Fridrich, Tel Aviv-Savyon 162; 4. Ben-Shan, Tel Aviv-Savyon 146; 5. Zigel-Kalish, Haifa 140.

Nabata Pairs Tournament on opening of a new bridge club (Scores in match points): 1. Kalkstein-Kalkstein, Haifa 285; 2. Kugel-Kugel, Haifa 280; 3. Wilk-Gilks, Haifa, Tel Aviv 260; 4. Natanya Greenberg, Ory, a National Tournament for Pairs (Scores in match points): 1. Kaplan-Perla, Kibbutzim 165; 2. Gorrish-Wilson Nahariya, Tel Aviv 153; 3. Furstman-Zecharya Savyon, Tel Aviv 149.

All's well that ends well

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THE ISRAEL FESTIVAL: The Royal...
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role of good Christians in saving not-so-good Jews from the Nazis.

They object to its being shown on the general circuit in South Africa without any indication being given to the public about its origin.

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Why the envoy wanted a post in Israel

By SEAYA SHAPIRO / Jerusalem Post Reporter

"THERE IS MORE intelligence per square inch in Israel than anywhere else," says Dr. Johanna Nestor, who is now ending a four-year tour of duty as Austria's ambassador here.

"It must be a national trait," she adds. "Like being clever with tools is for the Germans." Or being charming with guests is for the Austrians.

Dr. Nestor came here from India, where she also served for four years. Before that, she was in New York for seven years. "There is no such thing as an unimportant job," she says.

Moving from highly industrialized America to a vast, developing country like India — and then to tiny Israel with all her many problems, has been dramatic and exciting for her.

By a freak of fortune, she was born in Munkacs, where her mother — who had married a career officer in the Austro-Hungarian army — stayed in order to be near her husband.

Munkacs was famous for its rabbis; the Nazis had doubts about the young Johanna's Aryan credentials; the Russians claimed her as theirs when Munkacs came into their sphere.

She barely escaped a Russian checkpoint in the divided Vienna when an officer would not let her move to the Western zone.

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Austrian ambassador Johanna Nestor. (K. Weiss)

to see an ancient and long-suffering people building a new life. Moreover, it is the Holy Land, isn't it? Long before she got the appointment, she learned Hebrew and took extra lessons from an Israeli girl living in Vienna.

Naturally interested in people, she has found that her numerous acquaintances in Israel are unusually interesting. The Jewish genius, she feels, is intellectual. "The Jews have left no impressive structures. But," she emphasizes, "they wrote the Bible."

The relations between Austria and Israel being generally very good, the job of an Austrian representative is normally a pleasant one. But there are the odd problems — for instance, those concerning the question of reparations. Austria refuses to acknowledge responsibility for the crimes of the Nazis whom they regard as conquerors from the north. Then there was the "Schoenau incident," which occurred just before the Yom Kippur War.

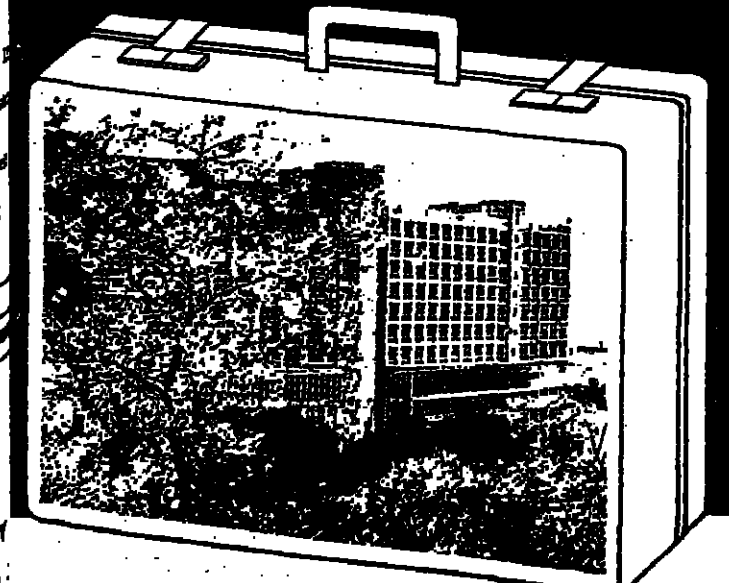
"I could quite understand the feelings of people here," says Dr. Nestor. "The sense of collective responsibility among the Jews is something one has to witness to believe."

The Yom Kippur War came as a complete surprise to her. And the official communique of the battles sounded to her ominously like the announcements that the German general staff made after Stalingrad.

"My heart sank. I could not believe it. I expected the Israelis to go forward, not back."

"I wish there were peace in the Middle East. It might be achieved, you know. After all, France and Germany are on the same side of the barrier now — and look what they were for centuries."

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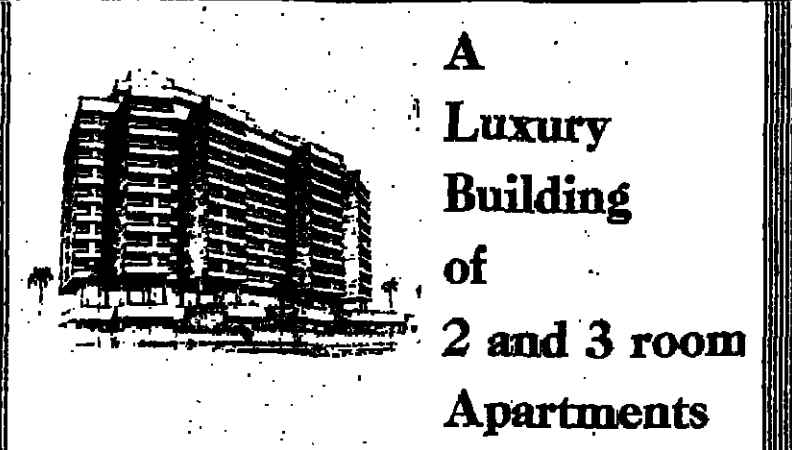


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Who needs elections?

THE reports that postponement of the Histadrut elections, scheduled for September 1977, is being considered reflect what has become a regular quadrennial rite. Such tampering with the electoral process has become, unfortunately, a fixed pattern. The State Employees Union, for example, and other bodies simply postpone elections indefinitely and the recent Jewish Agency Assembly also followed the pattern by doing away with elections to the forthcoming Zionist Congress.

The sad fact is that, with the exception of the Knesset elections, we have failed, both as a society and as a national movement, to institutionalize the act of electing our leaders and power-holders firmly enough as to be beyond the temptation of periodic tampering by these incumbent leaders.

Elections, as was baldly stated at the Jewish Agency Assembly, are a bother. True. So is caring for one's children and aged parents. None the less, as in the case of these two examples, there are some institutions so basic to a healthy society that the trouble they entail are gladly and punctiliously borne.

The price that we have paid and are continuing to pay for our cavalier attitude towards the minutiae of the electoral process is quite plainly the steady erosion of the legitimacy of the power-holders in the various institutions of Israeli society. This in turn is one of the major reasons for the growing anarchy in Israeli social behaviour and the growing cynicism, especially among the younger generation.

Representative democracy is at best a compromise between the infeasibility of direct democracy in large societies and the undesirability of authoritarian rule. But in order to work it must be felt to be representative by those who are represented. And for this, we need to inculcate the exact observance of all the rules and regulations of truly democratic and periodic elections in all our elective institutions.

There is much to be said, of course, for separating the elections to the Histadrut — and indeed, to the municipalities — from the Knesset elections. It would lessen the effect of one election on the other and would give Israel a passable equivalent of by-elections by which to gauge public sentiment in between the quadrennial Knesset elections.

But first things first. The most important task is to establish the principle and practice of the inviolability of honest and periodic elections.

It is thus essential for the health of the Histadrut that its forthcoming elections be held on schedule. Reviewing its election law with a view to separating its polls from those of the Knesset would be much less suspect if it were taken up as the first order of business by newly-elected Histadrut forums rather than by its incumbents.

Fewer dollars for aircrews

THE AIRCREWS in El Al are determined to go on having the same net take-home pay after the tax reform as they had before. The management (that is, the Government) agrees. What then is the argument about?

The argument is over the size of the foreign-currency component in that wage. At first sight, this seems an academic issue, since the privileged tax rate for the dollar allowance is now cancelled, and all pay is dunned in the same way.

There is, however, a difference still. The foreign-currency allowance has to be changed into Israeli pounds before the airman can spend it in the local supermarket. And every time the Treasury announces a devaluation, the value of the airman's monthly allowance in terms of Israeli pounds goes up. The bigger his dollar receipts therefore, the bigger his gain after each devaluation.

It seems on the face of it an exorbitant reckoning. The justification, from the pilots' point of view, is this. The cost-of-living allowance in Israel is payable only on basic salaries of up to IL4,400 a month. Anything earning more loses every time the index rises. Most people are not affected, or are affected only slightly, because even senior employees do not earn a great deal more than IL4,400.

But aircrews do. Once their salaries are grossed up (to yield them the same net figure as before) they will be getting two, three or four times the said IL4,400 and more; which means that the great bulk of their earnings are not index-linked. In a country which has lately been suffering inflation at the rate of 25-60 per cent a year, that is a serious consideration. If on the other hand part of their wage is paid in dollars, the increment in question is, so to speak, linked to the dollar, which is an alternative to the index link they lack.

However logical this sounds, it was not the original purpose of the foreign-currency allowance. The bonus was introduced in order to enable the airman or seaman to buy a meal or have a drink or go to the pictures while abroad. (Accommodation is in most places provided by the company.) And the American greenbacks should be confined to that. Israel's flyers and sailors do not have extra-territorial rights. The national currency is good enough for everybody else in Israel; it should be good enough for them.

Admittedly, inflation will erode their salaries — and the Government wants that to happen, because they are altogether earning too much, compared with other working people in the country. The pilots' committee may disagree. They are free to negotiate for a wage adjustment when the time comes. That is what collective bargaining is for.

But it is a principle in Israel that only basic wages are kept inflation-proof — and the link is a partial one (70 per cent) at that. The highest-paid union members in the country cannot make themselves into a rule apart. They cannot expect to enjoy protected conditions, even for a portion of their income, that less well-heeled persons never thought to ask.

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AL HAMISHKAR (Mapam) recalls that the Arab world used to be divided into so-called "progressive" and "conservative" regimes. But this is no longer the case. Two of the allegedly "progressive" countries — Libya and Syria — are locked in an uncompromising struggle in Lebanon. Libya continues to be the standard-bearer of Arab extremism, financing terrorist organizations and serving as their chief armorer. Arab unity is disintegrating, and Ghaddafi does not hesitate to use his vast oil revenues for subversion against all other governments.

RAMODIA (Agudat Yisrael) feels that Cairo will now take action to oust Ghaddafi, whom it brands a "madman." The paper stresses that the recent developments in the Arab world give the lie to the myth of Arab unity. The Arabs managed to maintain a semblance of unity for only a short time after the Yom Kippur War, following their partial success in it. But this has not served as a solid enough basis on which to build a lasting entity. The paper goes in all this the hand of the Almighty, who has put to nought the schemes of our enemies.

DAVAE (Histadrut) devotes its editorial to the Third World conference in Colombo. The paper predicts that the Third World will continue to pose a grave political problem for Israel, due to the anti-Israeli attitude of some groups in it. However, the Third World is less united than it was in 1961, at the first conference in Belgrade, because of the hostility between revolutionary regimes and anti-Communist dictatorships. The paper believes that the Colombo conference will again condemn Zionism, and perhaps the Entebbe operation as well. Because of the Third World's decisive influence on the U.N. General Assembly, the Colombo conference should be followed with concern.

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Confrontation in South Africa

The Vorster government has so far taken no significant political steps to restore quiet in South Africa, writes ARTHUR SAUL SUPER. What is called for is a revolutionary change in government policy.

SIX WEEKS is a long time for anti-Government agitation or unrest to continue in South Africa within any group. That it should happen in the black sector is portentously alarming.

The South African Government has worked out a system of repressive controls which up till now has succeeded in rapidly ending any agitation or at least driving it into silence. It has an infra-structure of highly efficient surveillance which is implemented by such measures as banning, imprisonment without trial, suspension of habeas corpus and keeping political prisoners incommunicado. When disaffection breaks out into the open, sophisticated police measures are ruthlessly applied: tear gas succeeded by gun fire above the heads of the crowd and, if necessary, into it. Public assemblies and processions can be banned at will.

Despite all this, the unrest in Soweto has continued unabated. It has been emulated in other townships in the Transvaal with repercussions even further afield. The stage of direct confrontation is now close. Evidence of this is already apparent.

Last week, for example, African religious leaders came out with a demand that Prime Minister Vorster should meet township leaders for face-to-face talks. "The World," Johannesburg's African newspaper, stated editorially that Vorster must now break his silence. The students,



Defiant white students in Johannesburg protest against apartheid (Camera Press)

the last few weeks preparing a new deal for Africans in the townships. This would give blacks more chance to run their own areas, provide their own services, and keep peace and order. He was convinced that the African labour, which had been incited by a minority.

Other signs of Government reaction were the transfer of the education department officials who had attempted to make Afrikaans the language of instruction in the African school system. This move took place within two weeks of the first riot. The significant voice in the Afrikaaner camp was that of "Dawie," a noted Nationalist columnist. He said the situation could not continue and Black urban leaders must be given greater responsibility.

None of this gets anywhere near the heart of the problem, which is the mounting frustration over the official policy of apartheid. This policy is embedded in legislation which up to now no one has suggested changing at all. It is against this that the present unrest is directed. It is not the result of agitation but the natural consequence of the system. The arrest of leaders will achieve little because the Government is deluding itself if it thinks that "agitators" are to blame. In the course of time evils

tend to breed an almost natural and inevitable reaction.

READING ABOUT the tough stand of the Soweto high school students brought to mind an incident in the American South 16 years ago. On February 7, 1960, black students sat down at the lunch counter in the Woolworth store in Charlotte, North Carolina. They were protesting the custom of serving blacks standing only. By the end of that month, the protest had spread to 16 cities in five States. No agitators here. The prolonged grievances had generated their own momentum.

The situation in South Africa is much more explosive. There the grievances of blacks rest on the whole weight of law and are built inextricably into the structure of the society. Daily events must combine to make them more dangerous. For example: economic difficulties in South Africa have immediately led to increased black unemployment which is rising at the rate of 25,000 per month and may soon pass the 2 million mark.

The only answer is a revolutionary change in Government policy. As was pointed out in this column six weeks ago, this is the only option open to Prime Minister Vorster. To begin with, dismantle apartheid.

Next abolish the pass and restrictive employment. The Immorality Act must go. It affects very few in practice, but it is a standing insult to the Afrikaners. It might give the Government some breathing space to the agonising subject of "some measure of political equality" to Africans.

The alternative is continued even harsher oppression. It will work for a time, but it will cause greater bloodshed than the Rhodesia on the collapse and South Africa. Cubans in the Congo on the same scenario is very grim. Nor is the threat only of intervention. Sanctions on lines and ships calling Africa can completely isolate the Republic. Change is on the South Africa. The only question is whether the Government significantly before or blood-bath.

The writer spent a number of weeks in South Africa as editor of newspaper and later as Chief of Mission in Johannesburg before it was last year.

READERS' LETTERS

'Convert' Yael Hutchens states her case

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Since my husband, Yaakov Hutchens, is in the United States attending a large conference of Messianic Judaism, I feel that I must be the one to make a response to your Law Report of June 21.

1. We did not obtain our conversion under false pretences. The converting Rabbi Aaron Rine knew of our belief in Jesus as the Messiah. I personally discussed my own belief regarding Jesus while standing in the Mikveh, in the presence of three rabbis. Rabbi Rine has stated in an affidavit that he has "forgotten" what occurred in the Mikveh. The question of Jesus further came up when we were asked to sign a document denying such other religious beliefs, and we said that we could not, nor did we ever sign this document. After we were married according to Halacha, the Rabbi did not give us our conversion papers because of our beliefs. We moved to California and after one year, and without ever signing a denial paper, we received our conversion papers.

2. Rabbi Rine told us during these discussions that he could not make this decision without consulting someone in Israel. A letter from Israel granting this permission has been "lost."

3. According to an affidavit written by Harold Hirschman, an American lawyer, Rabbi Rine said that he had cancelled our conversion because he misheard the entire Jewish national movement as hypocritical and even non-existent. In addition, the drop-outs foster disbelief and a feeling of fraud among the local population as far as Zionism is concerned.

People in possession of an Israeli visa or citizenship are not political emigrants or refugees. If there are Soviet citizens who want to leave Russia for various destinations, they should fight for their right to do so just as the Soviet Jewish community fought for its right to go to Israel.

Freedom to travel should not be confused with active assistance for these trips. All assistance to drop-outs should be stopped, especially on the part of Jewish organizations. It is not inhuman to refuse assistance to people who act immorally, and it will certainly not stop Russian emigration. As a matter of fact, the number of emigrants from the USSR was much larger some years ago before it became fashionable to exploit the drop-out route.

I hope the committee established by the Jewish Agency to study the problem will take a firm stand on the subject.

DE JOACHIM BRAUN
Jerusalem.

CYNICISM OVER THE SELECTIVE VAT SYSTEM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I was glad to read your recent editorial, "Holes in the VAT" (July 30) in which you point out the ludicrous arguments of shopkeepers against keeping books. Even those who have cash registers cannot be relied upon to report the extra income VAT is providing.

I recently wrote to Mr. Rabinowitz suggesting that the Government issue stamps to be sold to the stores. These stamps, equivalent to the VAT of a particular purchase, would then be given to the customer (properly cancelled to prevent their being used again). Needless to say, I did not receive a reply, and I doubt very much that the Government will take effective steps.

The public cannot be blamed for being cynical when it sees the corruption and inability of the Treasury to implement its decisions fairly.

I believe the time has come when the citizens themselves have to take the initiative. I would suggest that a public council be set up consisting of economic experts who would suggest steps to be taken and get the public to support them, if necessary with a boycott of businesses which fail to cooperate. The present situation cannot be tolerated.

GERALD E. TAUBER
Tel Aviv.

SOVIET DROP-OUTS UNDER FIRE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — On July 15 and 27, The Jerusalem Post published letters defending the action of people who leave the USSR on Israeli visas and then travel to other countries and requesting continued moral and material support for these people.

Now, a "drop-out" who could not prohibit people from using Israeli visas to go to other countries, but I believe we should state publicly that such behaviour is immoral. We cannot expect every Russian emigrant to be fully aware of the historical meaning of an Israeli visa and Israeli citizenship, which are symbols of two thousand years of national aspirations and sacrificed lives. But we may expect elementary respect for this visa, which should not be discarded a few hours after crossing the Soviet border. If we take a firm stand against the drop-outs as harmful to the Jewish people and a shame to them, the Zionist ideal will regain its purity in Russia; it will no longer stand for an attempt to improve one's material conditions, but regain its genuine image of a noble national movement. At present, the Soviet propaganda machine uses the drop-outs to besmirch the entire Jewish national movement as hypocritical and even non-existent. In addition, the drop-outs foster disbelief and a feeling of fraud among the local population as far as Zionism is concerned.

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'JUST AN OLD HUSBAND'S TALE'

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — The story about an electrician by the name of "M" (your Magazine of July 23) brought a wry smile to my lips. While I do not doubt the authenticity of the story, I am perfectly sure that my husband, whom I was finally forced to leave on grounds of cruelty and brutality, together with my three children, and from whom I have been separated for a little over a year now, tells many a wretched tale of his misadventures by a misunderstanding wife and by the judges in both civil and rabbinical courts, and is received sympathetically by all who do not know the real facts.

For years, we barely subsisted, myself and my children, on minimal sums while my husband used my salary and his (mine he obtained from me by force, of course) for his own private benefit and needs. Thus, strange though it may seem, I am able to demand of my husband as a 50/50 settlement — the sum of IL200,000, although we certainly cannot be termed as millionaires.

However, as in similar cases which come up before the rabbinical courts, our case is at a standstill: although it is clear my husband has the wherewithal to make the divorce settlement, he refuses so far to do so in an attempt to wreak his revenge on our children.

My husband was flabbergasted to find that his plea for divorce or peaceful settlement was taken up very seriously and in great detail by our rabbinical court and that the judges have always treated me with the greatest respect and concern in taking up his plea for divorce and urging him in various ways to come to a settlement and end the marriage.

I am sure that, should the divorce come through, my husband will undoubtedly remarry and I am assured that when his second wife arrives with him at the divorce courts, she will have no difficulty whatsoever in finding a sympathetic ear to her pleas. Any woman who marries a man such as my husband will surely do so out of pity and lack of knowledge of the true facts, until such time as they are revealed to her in very stark brutality.

(Name and address supplied.)
Tel Aviv.

BRITISH HAND OF FRIENDSHIP

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — The York Anglo-Israeli Friendship Society, composed mainly of Christians, is holding a hearing about Israel, but also desirous of a more personal rapport with Israelis, would very much like to see the establishment of a sister society in Israel. The York A.I.F.S. forms the vanguard in a move towards creating a network of A.I.F.S. branches all over Britain through which to harness the pro-Israel sympathies of the vast number of British non-Jewish people in support of the right of the people of Israel to exist in peace and security. But it is only logical that in order to pursue our objectives successfully, our Society cannot work in isolation from the people of Israel and that it must be properly based to form a bond at grassroot level in both countries.

Any replies may be addressed direct to us or to the Israel Office, the British Zionist Federation, 76 Ibn Givrol Street, Tel Aviv, P.O.B. 10296.
Hon. Sec., York Anglo-Israeli Friendship Society, 307 Chappell Street, Road Leeds LS1 3JT, England.

PROPERTY LOST IN EAST GERMANY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I am writing to draw your attention to an item which may be of considerable interest to some of your readers. I am referring to the fact that at long last, a bill was introduced in the U.S. Senate (upon the request of the U.S. State Department) for the purpose of providing compensation for property lost through nationalisation or expropriation by U.S. citizens in the area of the German Democratic Republic and also in the area of East Berlin.

This development is an outgrowth of a preliminary agreement made in September 1974 by the U.S. Government and the Government of D.D.R. The administrative machinery for the processing of claims has been set up (Foreign Claims Settlement Commission). Those claimants will be entitled to compensation who were U.S. citizens at the time the expropriation took place and further have remained U.S. citizens up to the time of filing of the claim. There will be a statutory time limit of 12 months from the day of enactment for the formal filing of claims.

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